

As a 27-year veteran of the broadcast industry, I oppose any further relaxation of limits on multiple ownership of media outlets. Allowing single companies to control more media outlets does not promote competition, diversity or localism in today's media market.

When I first started in the radio business (1975), before the first wave of deregulation, stations were competing much harder against one another and, as a result, were serving their communities better, in every sense of the word. Programming, news, community support and public service. I have seen the quality of each of those categories slide precipitously in the past 25 years - all functions, I believe, of the relaxation of ownership limits and the abandonment of news and public affairs license renewal requirements.

As I'm sure you've heard from others, allowing market forces to completely dictate the use of the public airwaves is serving only corporate interests and NOT the greater public interest. To say "corporations are part of the public" is a weak defense.

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